

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A delayed flow reservoir, comprising:
a container having an opening;
a seal covering the opening and having first and second seal holes;
a cap engaging the opening and having a delay chamber with a floor and a drain outlet raised
above the floor,
wherein water flows from the container through one of the seal holes to fill the delay chamber
before flowing out the drain outlet;
wherein the outlet allows air to flow into the delay chamber while water fills the chamber and
allows water to flow out of the delay chamber when the level of water in the delay
chamber reaches the level of the drain outlet; and
the first seal hole being below the second seal hole when the reservoir is in a dispense position.

Claim 2 (Original): The delayed flow reservoir of claim 1 wherein the container is a hand-held
water bottle.

Claims 3-4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Original): The delayed flow reservoir of claim 1 wherein the first seal hole is offset
in a vertical direction from the second seal hole.

Claims 6-7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The delayed flow reservoir of claim 1 wherein the cap includes a tower extending upwardly in the delay chamber, with the drain outlet being in the tower.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The delayed flow reservoir of claim 1 wherein the drain outlet is below the first seal hole when the reservoir is in a dispense position.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The delayed flow reservoir of claim 1 wherein the drain outlet is partially covered.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The delayed flow reservoir of claim 1 wherein the drain outlet is larger than the first seal hole.

Claims 12-23 (Cancelled).

Claim 24 (Previously presented): A delayed flow reservoir, comprising:
a container having an opening;
a seal covering the opening and having first and second seal holes;
a cap engaging the opening and having a delay chamber with a floor and a drain outlet raised above the floor,
wherein water flows from the container through one of the seal holes to fill the delay chamber before flowing out the drain outlet;

wherein the outlet allows air to flow into the delay chamber while water fills the chamber and allows water to flow out of the delay chamber when the level of water in the delay chamber reaches the level of the drain outlet; and the seal has a downward curved portion relative to the first hole.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): A delayed flow reservoir, comprising:
a container having an opening;
a seal covering the opening and having first and second seal holes;
a cap engaging the opening and having a delay chamber with a floor and a drain outlet raised above the floor,
wherein water flows from the container through one of the seal holes to fill the delay chamber before flowing out the drain outlet;
wherein the outlet allows air to flow into the delay chamber while water fills the chamber and allows water to flow out of the delay chamber when the level of water in the delay chamber reaches the level of the drain outlet; and
the seal has an upwardly curved portion relative to the second hole.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): A delayed flow reservoir, comprising:
a container having an opening;
a seal covering the opening and having first and second seal holes;
a cap engaging the opening and having a delay chamber with a floor and a drain outlet raised above the floor,

wherein water flows from the container through one of the seal holes to fill the delay chamber before flowing out the drain outlet;

wherein the outlet allows air to flow into the delay chamber while water fills the chamber and allows water to flow out of the delay chamber when the level of water in the delay chamber reaches the level of the drain outlet; and

the first seal hole having a smaller diameter than the second seal hole.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): A delayed flow reservoir cap, comprising:

a body adapted to engage a container having an opening;

a seal in the body with first and second seal holes for the passage of water and air, respectively;

a delay chamber in the body;

a drain outlet elevated in the delay chamber for the inlet of air as the chamber fills with water and the outlet of water upon rising to the level of the drain outlet; and

the seal having a downward curved portion relative to the first hole.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): A delayed flow reservoir cap, comprising:

a body adapted to engage a container having an opening;

a seal in the body with first and second seal holes for the passage of water and air, respectively;

a delay chamber in the body;

a drain outlet elevated in the delay chamber for the inlet of air as the chamber fills with water and the outlet of water upon rising to the level of the drain outlet; and

the seal having an upwardly curved portion relative to the second hole.

Claim 29 (Cancelled).